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SUBJECT: VISAS: RHODESIANS

REF: RYERSON/SEGARS TELECON OF AUGUST 27.

1. POST SINCERELY REGRETS ISSUANCE VISAS TO MEMBERS RHODESIAN TENNIS TEAM. FACT THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF TEAM WERE ABLE OBTAIN VISAS HERE CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS NEGLIGENCE OUR PART BUT RATHER SHREWDNESS ON PART OF APPLICANTS COMPOUNDED BY SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS.

2. POST HAS ROUTINELY REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT ALL CASES INVOLVING RHODESIAN NATIONALS DESIRING TRAVEL US TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTING EVENTS. FURTHER, CONSULAR OFFICER AND PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLICANTS FROM RHODESIA (WHO, BY THE WAY, IS OUTSTANDING VISA CLERK) FULLY AWARE OF CONTENTS LONDON OM OF JULY 12. MITIGATING FACTORS, HOWEVER, WERE (1) STATE 177977 AND 210739 NOT RECEIVED HERE UNTIL AUGUST 30 AND ONLY THEN BECAUSE CONSOFF APPRAISED DEPARTMENT OF THEIR NON-RECEIPT AND (2) ALL APPLICANTS CAREFULLY CONCEALED REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR VISAS.

3. WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR LOGICAL SOME OTHER METHOD TRANSMITTING MESSAGES THIS TYPE BE CONSIDERED. WOULD ALSO APPEAR LOGICAL THAT JOHANNESBURG AS WELL AS PRETORIA BE LISTED AS ACTION ADDRESSEES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO RHODESIA, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS POST HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING APPLICANTS FROM RHODESIA.

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